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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/EP03/09837	04 September 2003	10 September 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION: HIGHLY TIGHT CONNECTION DEVICE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Stefan Welle

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. [x] This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. [ ] This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. [ ] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. [ ] The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. [x] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
   a. [x] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
   b. [ ] has been communicated by the International Bureau. (See Enclosed Form PCT/IB/308)
   c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. [x] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
   a. [x] is attached hereto.
   b. [ ] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. [x] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
   a. [ ] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
   b. [ ] have been communicated by the International Bureau.
   c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
   d. [x] have not been made and will not be made.
8. [ ] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. [ ] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. [ ] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. [ ] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. [ ] A preliminary amendment.
14. [x] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. [ ] A substitute specification.
16. [ ] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. [ ] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13*ter*.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. [ ] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. [ ] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. [x] Other items or information: Page 1 of WO 2004/025165; Int'l Search Report (3 pages); and International Preliminary Examination Report (2 pages).

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21. The following fees are submitted:	Applicant Use	Office Use Only
[x] a) Basic national fee **$300.00**	$ 300.00	
[x] b) Examination fee **$200.00**	$ 200.00	
[x] c) Search fee **$500.00**	$ 500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = $1000.00	$ 1,000.00	
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	18 - 20 =	0	x 50.00	$	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x 200.00	$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)			+	$	
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[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				$	
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